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A Weekly Compilation of Environmental Education News from Across Louisiana

LEEC NEWS

PRE-REGISTRATION ENDS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Pre-registration for the 2016 Environmental Education State Symposium ends next Tuesday, February 16. Anyone who misses the pre-registration window can register at the Baton Rouge Marriott on Friday, February 19 from 5-8 p.m. or beginning Saturday, February 20 at 7 a.m.

Attendees will enjoy a keynote speech by celebrated outdoor photographer and environmental advocate CC Lockwood, in addition to a range of concurrent sessions filled with lesson plans, hands-on activities and exemplary programs arranged by grade level. Attendees may also choose from among several optional short courses offered Friday, February 19. Registration for some short courses has been closed, [check the symposium page](#) for availability.

This conference is not the usual fare. We promise to inspire you with doable ideas for your classroom – even when you are not in sessions! From our science scavenger hunt to our luncheon centerpieces, we work hard to make this event entertaining and very educational. And the fun culminates with a grand door prize consisting of a weekend stay at the state park of your choice!

Registration is just \$50, which includes meals. [Register online here](#).

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

VALENTINE'S DAY -- YOUR PUBLIC LANDS & LOVE

America's public lands are wonderful places to love and be in love. Every year, thousands get engaged and married in national parks, wildlife refuges and scenic wildernesses. We're celebrating these great love stories with your photos and videos of proposals and weddings on public lands. Thanks to everyone who shared their photos and helped make this sweet Valentine's Day video. [Visit the Department of Interior YouTube channel](#).



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Do you know someone who goes above and beyond for Coastal Louisiana? It could be a person who has worked an entire career to conserve and restore Louisiana wetlands, or maybe someone who gives of their free time to lead others in this effort. We want to know who they are! Nominations are now open for the 21st Annual CRCL Coastal Stewardship Awards. The Awards will be presented at a special banquet to be held Friday, April 29, 2016, at the Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center, where we will recognize those who have shown an extraordinary commitment to Coastal Louisiana.

Visit the [nomination page](#) at crl.org before February 22 to submit a nomination.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

EPA NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR LOCALLY-FOCUSED EE PROJECTS

The application period for the 2016 Environmental Education Grants Program is now open. Approximately \$2.7 million of funding is available to support locally-focused EE projects that design, demonstrate, and/or disseminate EE practices, methods, or techniques.

Proposals are due by April 8, 2016. Please refer to the full announcement (<http://go.usa.gov/cytg>) for details. Find background on the EE Grants Program and resources for applicants. (<http://go.usa.gov/3u7Xw>)

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MONTHLY MEETING AND RESOURCE CALENDARS FROM THE LOUISIANA DEPT. OF EDUCATION

The Louisiana Department of Education has a very useful resource and meeting calendar available on their [Louisiana Believes website](#). It's a great way to keep up with what's going on in public education.

SIX BEAUTIFUL (AND WARM) PUBLIC LANDS IN THE US

If cold weather is giving you the blues, [check out this Department of Interior site](#) touting six of the most beautiful public places in the U.S. and its territories.



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